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Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
May 23, 2012

I. Roll Call:

Present: Mark Boger, Ned Chester, Nicole DeMerritt, Jim Foss, Jacinda Goodwin, Carla Knapp, Margaret Longworth, Joan McDonald, Jonathan Shapiro, and Paul Vestal

Absent: Richard Brown, Emma Burke, Abigail Comee-McCourt, Dalene Dutton, Jamie Johnson, Charles LaVerdiere, Randall Liberty, Hannah McMullen, Dan Nichols, Doug Patrick, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault and Patrick Walsh

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Juvenile Justice Specialist, Ryan Andersen, Compliance Monitor, Noël Bonam, DMC and Elaine Brann, Staff Assistant

Guest: Tessa Mosher, Victim Advocate, DOC, Deb McAllian, Victim Advocate, DOC, Linda Clancy, Journalist from Rockport, Mary McPherson, Maine Children's Alliance and Ned McCann, Maine Children's Alliance

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07AM and welcomed JJAG members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the April 25, 2012 JJAG meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the April 25, 2012 Minutes

Moved: Mark Boger/Jim Foss/2nd

Action: Approved

III. Chair Report – Paul Vestal, Jr.:

Paul reported on letters he received, one from the Coalition of Juvenile Justice thanking us for our support and repaying our dues for the year, one from the OJJDP stating that the JJAG was in compliance and was doing a great job this year and a letter from Senator Susan Collins thanking us for contacting her regarding the continuation of funding of Juvenile Justice programs.

IV. Specialist Report – Kathryn McGloin:

Kathryn began her report by presenting information on the JJAG budget. The money we have left over is \$128,440.21 in the 2010 Grant Year. We haven't touched the 2011 - 2012 amount, which is \$256,000. \$400,000 for 2012.

Kathryn expressed her willingness to work with the Grants Committee to make sure we get exactly what we're looking for and once the Three Year Plan is read, we can have a discussion on where that money is going to go. Kathryn requested approval for putting out an RFP for three contracts, school programs, alternatives to detention, and delinquency prevention. Each of those would be in the amount of \$90,000. We will not set a limit, but just ask for proposals and take the best one for the least amount.

Paul explained the reason for setting the limit to \$90,000. Paul stated that because we kept the after school and prevention programs money very low at \$30,000, we were getting fewer and fewer responses to our requests for proposals and that is why we are now increasing the amount.

A question was asked about the budget and how that money would be distributed and the amount left over from the RFP. Kathryn reported that we would be using the remainder of 2010 money and the balance from the 2011 amount, which is \$150,000 off of the \$400,000. There will be a bidder's conference.

Kathryn mentioned past RFPs and we have not had good luck in getting good programs. We are already working on a new RFP and will continue that work. There was a lengthy discussion on what we would be looking for and the wording in the RFP. Members had different ideas on how that process should proceed and what we should be asking for in the RFP in order to get the programs we want and for those programs to be effective. After further discussion on the RFP process and evidenced based programs, Paul asked for a motion. A motion was made and seconded, and a show of hands vote was taken.

Motion: Utilization of \$90,000 for each Program.

Moved: Ned Chester/John Shapiro/2nd

Action: 8 Approved/0 Opposed

Further discussion on the RFP continued and members agreed that there should be some evidence of success based on data and outcomes. Kathryn explained that federal law states that the JJAG must fund model programs before we fund others and also pointed out that there are very few model programs in Maine. Kathryn also stated that we always look for research.

Kathryn handed out copies of the State's Comprehensive Three Year Plan in draft form and also mentioned that it was sent out electronically so that anyone who wanted to could make changes. Kathryn went over some of the changes in the plan and stated that once this has been approved, it will be on the OJJDP website. Kathryn reported that there are only a few program areas, Alternatives to Detention, DMC and American Indian Programs. There is also Systems Improvement. This will go on the web and this will be what people will be

referred to who are applying for the RFP. Kathryn clarified that this is the State's three year plan and not necessarily the JJAG's three year plan for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. A deadline of June 15th was set for any changes.

Kathryn discussed Collaborative Problem Solving and stated that the schools were doing a great job and read the Durham Community School's Quarterly Program Report.

Kathryn gave an update of the JDAI Conference that she and Noël attended in Maryland. Kathryn stated that she was very impressed with the Immigration Policy for Juveniles workshop and would like to add it to the EPIY training in the future.

Noël also attended the JDAI Conference and gave a brief report on his impression of the Conference stating that it was very good and there was a good cross section of trainers.

Positive Youth Development Institute Conference is happening on July 23rd and 24th and the JJAG will be a presence there. Kathryn mentioned that this conference is the one that the JJAG helped to sponsor by donating \$5,000.

Kathryn also reported on the Court Open House that Christine Thibeault and Ned Chester worked as being very successful. Kathryn also noted that they were a little disappointed in the number of refugees and immigrants that attended, but mentioned there were about fifty people who did attend including two juveniles from Long Creek. They hope to do this again next year and get more immigrants and refugees.

Kathryn will be getting a new intern next week and passed around her cover letter and résumé. Kathryn also announced that she will also be getting a new Secretary Associate to work with her to do research and other projects and further explained that this was offered by the Commissioner because she has been nominated for the National Juvenile Justice Specialist for the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. The Commissioner asked what he could do to help out and it was suggested that maybe she could use someone to help her.

Kathryn concluded her report by reading the JABG funding amounts. The 2011 Diversion to Assets Program funding in the amount of \$115,000 with a \$35,000 match and a small amount of the 2010 funding left over. Will have to decide on the 2012 funding.

V. Compliance Monitor Report – Ryan Anderson:

Ryan presented his report by stating that to date he has been to 38 facilities including the 2 youth centers, county jails, police departments, and district

courts. Ryan updated the JJAG on his findings regarding a suspected violation as reported at last month's meeting and stated that after a thorough investigation, it was not verified as a violation. Ryan reported on the Effective Police Intervention with Youth Training and stated that he, Kathryn and Noël will be doing necessary material updates on the Train the Trainer and will collaborate on refresher training for the officers who have done the training. Ryan noted that training will be offered mid to late Summer depending on the availability of the officers. Ryan also mentioned that Dalene had some interested parties in her district, Rockland/Rockport area, that were interested and he will be following up with her.

VI. Committee/Department Reports: Jacinda Goodwin – Department of Education.

Jacinda updated the members regarding a couple of LDs as they pertained to the Department of Education. Jacinda reported on LD 1422 "An Act to Prepare Maine People for the Future Economy," and LD 1503 "An Act to Promote School Attendance and Increase School Achievement." Jacinda explained that LD 1422 would force schools that have expelled students to develop and have a reentry plan or an alternative plan. LD 1237 Bullying Legislation also passed.

Sgt. Shapiro – Department of Public Safety – Jonathan reported that Old Orchard Beach is back again to put together the Juvenile Review Board in an effort to institute restorative practices in RSU 23 the school and bridge that with the community. Will be having a meeting next week to see how that's going to look. Jonathan stated that he and Kathryn will be meeting with Lyman Moore Elementary School at the end of the month as they are interested in doing restorative practice. Received data report on kids in crisis and all indications are increased positive data. We had less calls for service for kids in crisis from the previous year. Last year it was four per family, this year it was two. Will try to put all this together in a report. Sgt. Shapiro reported that since DHHS and DOC are advocating that more kids be put back in the home, the amount for the upcoming year may be higher. Jonathan also mentioned that he needed to work with DHHS regarding child abuse issues to clarify what role the Officers will have in this effort.

VII Disproportionate Minority Contact Report and Discussions– Noël Bonam, DMC Coordinator and Carmen Dorsey, George Shaler, Theresa Hubley, Muskie School – Slide Presentation

Access Work Group: Noël stated that this is the group from Long Creek that worked on Notice of Interview letters that went out to Refugee/Immigrant families. They are now meeting with the youth to figure out what other things they want to work on.

Noël reported that Dalene put him in touch the Westbrook Communities that Care folks and they connected him to their youth integration group that is based out of

Westbrook High. Noël stated that Kathryn and he met with the Co-chair of this group who is also the Volunteer Coordinator for the Westbrook Elementary School. Noël mentioned her background and credentials in working with children from all over the world. Noël also explained that the JJAG will not be supporting them financially, but will support their efforts by getting their voices heard in our work and they can advise us on some of their CTC stuff. Noël spoke of helping them connect with youth in the Westbrook community minority youth and they are very excited about that, but he also noted that before we do that we are going to do orientation training with community members so they understand what this means, what the integration looks like, and why their group should be represented in the community. All that is all happening at the end of next month.

Multicultural Youth Group - has been up and running and is going well. Noël reported that he met with the volunteer coordinators at the Long Creek Youth Development Center just to set up some bench marks and it was decided that having 13 to 16 youths coming into that group was a little too much and now they are restricting the number to 8 youths, with the condition that they have to be in Phase II, so that they will have to work their way into getting there and they will see it as a privilege.

Systems Improvement Work Group - Noël mentioned that Ned, Christine, Kathryn and he met with the folks from senior management group from Portland Schools regarding their Multicultural Programs. We met with them and they are very eager and willing to work and partner with us. The two areas we talked about was: 1. Possibly using some student council youth members to engage them in some of the DMC work and 2, Restorative Justice work through the restorative justice program that Kathryn and Jonathan have been working on. They are going to bring all the middle school administrators and some of the parent representatives to that meeting. The goal is to be the connector to this initiative and Jonathan and the new Executive Director will take the lead on that once that connection is made.

Noël acknowledged that he also met with folks at LearningWorks who received a grant from the Hudson Foundation to do some work, specifically assessment work on the needs of refugee youth in the Portland/Greater Portland area. Noël met with them to discuss the work they will be doing and he, Ned, Christine, and Kathryn will be meeting with them again on June 6th, to talk about what we've done so far and where we are heading with our work and see what they are planning to do so that there is no duplication of effort.

Diversion Work Group - Noël gave an update on this work group stating that Kathryn, Ryan, Chris Northrop and he attended the Arabs, Muslims and Sheiks diversity training that the Portland Police Department put together. Noël took a moment to thank Ned and Christine for all the time they have put in for the DMC. Next stakeholders meeting is going to happen this month on May 29th, next Tuesday, at 8:30 – 10:30 AM at the Portland Police Department.

Engagement Work Group – Noël stated that the Court House Open House that Ned and Christine are Co-chairing, will be doing some follow-up on and will be working with Regina Phillips.

Noël reported on his second meeting with the Congolese Community and they are going to suggest members of the community who will be part of the training. Noël stated that a similar program was done with the Sudanese Community and that was also a good meeting. Noël explained that because of all the work involved, we will continue our focus only on the Sudanese and Congolese communities this year and next year, and not add on more communities to this work.

Community Counseling has a grant from the United Way of Greater Portland called the Education for Life Grant and we are partnering with community counseling so that we can do some of the DMC Juvenile Justice 101 under that context and they will pay for all of their help and host it.

Noël stated that later next month he will be going to Bethesda, MD to attend the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice. Also there is talk about attending the next JDAI meeting in Albuquerque, NM and that is going to happen sometime in the Winter. In June we are going to start working on the DMC Strategic Planning process for next year and that work will take place on June 12th.

Carmen Dorsey, George Shaler and Theresa Hubley of the Muskie School gave a slide show presentation on the Cumberland County Law Enforcement Interviews and Case File Review. After the presentation, the JJAG members had a chance to ask questions regarding the report.

VIII: Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

The next meeting will take place on June 27, 2012 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.